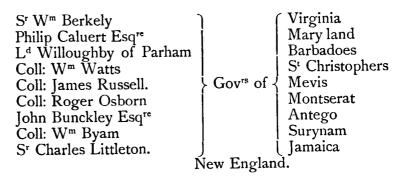
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Whereas by a late Act of Parliament entituled an Act for encouraging & encreasing of shipping and navigation all Forreign Trade is prohibited to any of his Maties Plantacons and all those of his Mats subjects that saile unto any of them are required to give security to return with their lading for England, Ireland, Principality of Wales or Town of Berwick upon Tweed as in the said Act is expressed wth strict comand unto the Gover of the said Plantacon to see the same performed accordingly, wth great penalties upon such Govrs as connive or neglect putting the said Act in Execution who are enjoyned alsoe to take Oath that the said Act be punctually observed, yet being informed by Masters of ships and others trading to Virginia, Mary Land and others his Mats Plantacons of many neglects or rather contempts of his Maties commands for the true observance of the said Act (web soe highly concernes the encrease of shipping and the regular Trade of his Maties Plantacons together with his Revenue that proceeds from thence) through the daily practise and designes set on Foot by Trading into Forreign parts from Virginia Mary land and other his Maties Plantacons both by land and sea as well unto the Menades and other Plantacons of the Hollanders as into Spain Venice and Holland occasioned through the neglect of those Gov^{rs} in not taking a view of all forreign built ships w^{ch} come into their Plantacons whether they have a certificate of their being made free according to the Act as alsoe in not duely taking Bond (before any ship be permitted to lade) that what ever comoditives they shall take in at any of His Mats Plantacons the same shall be carryed to some other of his Maties Plantations or into England Ireland, Wales or Town of Berwick upon Tweed wch Bonds are to be returned twice every year unto the Officers of the Custom House in London butt hitherto it hath not been done of weh neglect and contempt his Maty is sensible and therefore doth require and comand you that for